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**AMENDMENT UNDER
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Attorney Docket No.	LIFE-031
Confirmation No.	4048
First Named Inventor	Dick, Kenneth W.
Application Number	09/996,631
Filing Date	November 28, 2001
Group Art Unit	1753
Examiner Name	NOGUEROLA, ALEXANDER STEPHAN
Title:	"SOLUTION DRYING SYSTEM"

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated October 3, 2003 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before January 3, 2004. In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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